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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Fadi H. Dahbour

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 December 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

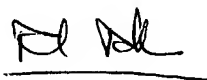
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.



DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hurst.

Hurst discloses a method of packaging a device including a condom and a condom applicator supporting the condom (Figures 1-4), comprising preparing a condom to have in a stretched condition thereof (27 of Fig.3), an inner diameter (63 of Fig.3) defining a condom circumference at an open cross-section thereof (Fig.3), preparing a condom applicator having an axial tubular wall (see "wall 19" in line 52 of col.1, also see 19 of Figs.1-4) having a first and second axially opposed ends (see "the first end 21 of the wall 19" in line 3 of col.2, also see "the wall second end 23" in line 22 of col.2, also see Figs.1-4) and an outer surface (19 of Figs.1-4), the first end being open (see "the first end 21 of the wall 19 has a first opening 31" in line 3 of col.2, also see Figs.1-4) and the second end being at least partially open (see "opening 43 in the wall second end" in line 22 of col.2, also see "opening 47 is provided in the second end" in line 25 of col.2, also see Figs.1-4), the wall having a configuration in which the first open end defines an opening having an applicator circumference (see "the first end 21 of the wall 19 has a first opening 31" in line 3 of col.2, also see 31 of Figs.1-4) not substantially greater than the condom circumference (27 of Figs.1-4) and sized to permit axial insertion of a penis

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(Figs.1-4), detachably securing the condom to the applicator at the first open end such that the condom circumference conforms to the applicator circumference at the at the outer surface of the wall with the cross-section of the condom covering the first open end (Fig.1), and packaging the applicator to maintain the applicator with the condom secured thereto until use (see "a seal is formed between the condom open end portion 51 and the lip ring exterior surface 33" in lines 47-48 of col.2, also see Fig.1).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-28 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kassman ('196), Kassman ('734), Kassman ('205) and Kassman ('083) are cited to show condoms and applicators.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fadi H. Dahbour whose telephone number is 703-306-5479. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9am-5:30pm est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry A. Bennett, can be reached on (703) 308-0101. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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